GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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LONG WAIT FOR CONSULTING A SPECIALIST
Singh Shri Prabhunath

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that CGHS beneficiaries particularly pensioners and their families have to wait for long to consult a specialist as has been reported in the Hindustan Times dated November 15, 2004 ; and

(b) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a)&(b) The waiting period for seeking routine consultation with the Govt. specialist at the CGHS dispensaries is approximately three to six weeks. However, in cases of urgency, the patient is provided specialist consultation on priority on the same day at the dispensary or is referred for obtaining specialist consultation at the nearest Government Hospital.